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SUBJ: WARSAW TALKS

FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. Kreisberg and Anderson propose seek appointment morning Feb. 19 at

CHICOM Embassy at which letter on prisoners would be delivered and following approach made on CHICOM communication on 135th meeting (reftel):

a. Letter merely states that present atmosphere inappropriate for 135th meeting.

We would seek specific statement that they are cancelling meeting and will not meet with us Feb. 20.

b. CHICOMS have cancelled last three proposed meeting times for 135th meeting. US wishes to continue dialogue with CPR but in light CHICOM actions it uncertain whether Chinese on their side wish to continue series of meetings.

c. If meetings have any purpose at all, it is to enable two sides to discuss disputes and differences in private. Facts on LIAO Ho-shu case made clear by US side and not denied by Chinese which by stating that Liao "betrayed" his country, made clear in its public statement Feb. 6 that

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